

26 March 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans  
SUBJECT : CS Historical Program  
REFERENCE : Memorandum, Same Subject,  
dated 16 March 1971  
(DDP 1-1252)

1. As the attached outline shows, writers have been assigned for the histories of all major countries in the Western Hemisphere Division. While we will make every effort to complete the drafts by 31 December 1971, I would expect that some of the papers which present special problems may be delayed. I would not wish the Historical Office to short cut its research -- with an inevitable compromise of quality -- to meet the deadline.

2. WH Division has taken the following steps which are in line with the guidance outlined in the referenced memorandum:

a. All personnel in the WH Historical Office were chosen because their background and abilities fitted them for the assignment. There are six writers.

b. All WH writers are assigned full-time.

c. Competent mid-career officers have been chosen for regular tours of duty to write WH histories. Most of the present staff will be rotated to other offices when their tours are completed.

d. No annuitant under contract is assigned at present to the WH Historical Office.

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e. WH warmly supports the view that competent historical writers should be encouraged by incentives, particularly in the form of promotions. It is hoped that the precepts for future evaluation boards will stress this point.

f. Priority is being given to major station histories.

g. Two WH histories have been forwarded to the CS Historical Board during March; a third has been completed and will be forwarded soon.

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